



## **Zero Waste Arlington February 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 25, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: *Online Zoom Meeting*

### **Attendees:**

Committee Members - Charlotte Milan, Sarah Kmetz, Paul Goldberg, Larry Slotnick, Scott Mullen, Priya Sankalia, Meghan Correa

Unable to attend: Allison LaValley, Emily Dertz, Jim Ballin

Residents - Gina S, Julie Benyo, Cecily Miller

### **Minutes**

- Old Business
  - Review and approve January 2021 meeting minutes
- New Business
  - *Earth to Arlington: Let's Talk Trash* webinar series update
  - Communications sub-committee update
  - Recycling Coordinator update
  - Budget FY2021-22
  - Review Open Meeting Rules
  - New Business items

### **Earth to Arlington webinar series update**

- Larry provided an update on the series - the first webinar will be on March 4 @ 4:00 PM
- Roadmap with 3 additional webinars this year is in place - needs a little ironing out
- We now have over a 100 registrations - Sarah does not think we'll get all of them attending
- Cecily suggested sending an email about the
- Priya mentioned that the promotion has been thorough and we now have a list that we can use for future events

### **No Plastics Please campaign update:**

- Meghan shared that she went to the Sustainable Arlington meeting and we have their support on the webinar and any social media marketing for No Plastics Please
- Mystic River Watershed Assn. will include something about No Plastics Please in their newsletter
- Making some progress but hoping for more activity in summer and spring after restaurants have fully reopened

#### **Communications Sub-committee update:**

- Traffic on FB has gone down but for the webinar there was some engagement

#### **Recycling Coordinator Update:**

- People are interested in plastics reduction, and Charlotte has been forwarding them to the sub-committee
- Some letter to the editor and other advocate articles on plastic reduction
- Charlotte has an intern - she will be at the Recycling Center and will help with research on a swap shed. She could give a presentation at one of our meetings
- Charlotte is busy with preparation for RFPs new hauling and processing contracts
- Hazardous Waste dates not on site yet because no contract but now they are posted
- Charlotte is planning on improving the Recycling page on the website and how to improve it - curbside recycling

#### **Budget**

- Larry called before FinComm to talk about the additional \$500 we requested. He doesn't it will be approved, but it was good exposure - Larry was asked some good big picture questions
- Invoice from Sarah M for design work related to launching the webinar series - will be passed onto Charlotte - approx. \$800
- There might be an increase in the cost of the webinar because of the additional registrants. The committee voted and approved an additional \$150 spending on the increase if necessary

#### **Open Meeting Rules**

- Rules of Zoom meetings about participation -
- Charlotte will get some open meeting questions answered - e.g. about email and the preamble to the Sustainable Arlington meeting.

#### **Additional Topics Discussed**

- Meghan talked about how there are so many people interested in plastics and we need to brainstorm on how we can get them involved in projects
- Larry talked about a bill that's been introduced in the state house about plastics. There is a lot happening on the topic.

- Paul mentioned that Rep. Katherine Clark introduced a federal plastics bill called Break Free From Plastics - she is on the vanguard of what's going on on the state and local level.
- Maybe we can have one of our meetings dedicated to plastics brainstorming
- Charlotte suggested that we add a survey during the webinar to get people's interest in different topics and alert them that we will be engaging them on the topics.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- The committee approved the January 2021 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23PM